

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
PECOS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

THOMAS ALAN ARTHUR,
Defendant.

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CRIMINAL NO. P:19-CR-774-DC

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

Came on to be considered the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(n)(1)-(7), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2) and 32.2(c)(1), and this Court being fully and wholly apprised in all its premises, finds that the United States has established by a preponderance of the evidence a nexus between the below described properties and the violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1462, 1466, and 1466A by virtue of the jury's Guilty Verdict (Doc. 105) and the evidence and testimony presented at trial, and that the Defendant has an interest in said properties. As such, said Motion is meritorious, and hereby is in all things **GRANTED**.

It is **ORDERED** that all right, title, and interest of Defendant **THOMAS ALAN ARTHUR** in certain personal property, namely:

Real Properties

Real Property located and situated at **1260 Angel Road, Alpine, Brewster County, Texas, 79830**, with all buildings, appurtenances, and improvements thereon and any and all surface and sub-surface rights, title, and interests, if any, and being more fully described as follows:

Section 23, Block 217, T. & St. L. Ry. Co. Brewster County, Texas, to wit:

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Being 250 acres of land, more or less;

Personal Properties

- LG Tablet, Serial Number 509CQSF0402566;
- CAT Phone;
- 2 Motorola flip phones;
- Paper with passwords and usernames written;
- Sony Vaio computer, Service Tague#C6UORT31;
- Gray Touro external hard drive, SN 6PIJ459E;
- Oyen Digital Minipro external hard drive, SN BCC2;
- 4 Crucial external hard drives, serial numbers 14420D87E333, 14350D1F67f3, 00000000110703034CDC, 12380916A593;
- Photographs related to Mr Double;
- 7 compact disks;
- Micron 3600 desktop computer, serial number P60007201256;
- 70 Euros;
- \$2,270.00, more or less in currency U.S. Currency;
- External electronic device in a black case;
- 4 Seagate external hard drives, serial numbers 9VS4XWNW, 9VS2XCZS, 9VS2Y4VM, 9VS07M3E;
- Transcend external hard drive;
- 9 SD cards;
- 1 Sim card;
- Canon Digital Camera;
- Dell XPS Laptop, Service Tag 11HFP71;
- Armor computer tower, SN ST008M21STZA1MI000813;
- Computer server tower, unknown manufacturer, no serial number;

- Android cell phone, serial number S411742019096;
- 7 USB storage drives;
- 2 Compact flash drives;
- Box of VHS tapes;
- Two boxes of floppy disks;
- Box of compact disks;
- Gray computer tower, unknown manufacturer, no serial number;
- 98 boxes of suspected child erotica;
- www.mrdouble.com;
- Gray ioSafe Solo External Hard Drive with serial number 0120023219; and
- Any and all other property and/or accessories involved in or used in the commission of the criminal offense,

hereinafter referred to as the Subject Properties be, and hereby is **FORFEITED** to the United States of America.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon entry of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, the United States through its lawfully designated agents and agencies, including the United States Marshals Service, shall seize, take custody, control, and possession of the Subject Properties whether held by the defendant or a third party.

It is further **ORDERED** that the United States shall cause publication for at least 30 consecutive days on an official government internet website (www.forfeiture.gov) of the notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and of its intent to dispose of the Subject Properties in such manner as the United States directs. The United States must send notice to any person or entity who reasonably appears to be a potential petitioner with standing to contest the forfeiture in the ancillary proceeding.

It is further **ORDERED** that the United States shall send Direct Notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, Appendix A, which is attached to the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, and incorporated herein to those known to the United States to

have an interest in the Subject Properties.

It is further **ORDERED** that in the event a third-party petition is filed as to the Subject Properties the United States shall commence discovery proceedings to resolve any third-party issues, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and the issuance of subpoenas, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Defendant, his attorneys, agents, spouse, and anyone acting on his behalf, and all persons or entities acting in concert or participation with any of the above, and all persons and entities having actual knowledge of this Order, shall not directly or indirectly, transfer, sell, assign, pledge, distribute, hypothecate, encumber, attach or dispose of in any manner; cause to be transferred, sold, assigned, pledged, distributed, hypothecated, encumbered, attached or disposed of in any manner; or take, or cause to be taken, any actions that would have the effect of depreciating, damaging, or in any way diminishing the value of the Subject Real Property.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Defendant, his attorneys, agents, spouse, and anyone acting on his behalf, and all persons or entities acting in concert or participation with any of the above, and all persons and entities having actual knowledge of this Order, shall not use or permit the Subject Real Property to be used for any illegal activity.

It is further **ORDERED** that the owners of the Subject Real Property are required to maintain the present condition of the Subject Real Property, including timely payment of all mortgages, insurance, utilities, taxes, and assessments, until further order of this Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that at the time of the sentencing of Defendant **THOMAS ALAN ARTHUR** the forfeiture of the Subject Properties shall be included in his Judgment in a Criminal Case.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED this 27th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Counts", with a stylized star-like flourish at the end.

DAVID COUNTS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE